

Appl. No. 10/576,735  
Amdt. dated April 20, 2009  
Reply to Restriction Requirement of April 1, 2009

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**Remarks:**

Claims 1 - 18 were pending in the present application. Claims 7-18 are canceled.

The Examiner requires restriction between the following species of invention:

Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a method.

Group II, claims 7-18, drawn to an apparatus.

Applicants elects Group I, Claims 1-6 without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request favorable action on the merits of the application.

Applicant believes that this response is being filed within the shortened statutory period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of the Office Action. However, should any additional fees be required, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account 13-3639.

Respectfully submitted,

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